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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commandant, Marine Corps

SUBJECT : Comments on CIA Special Estimate No. 29,  
18 June 1952REFERENCE : Memorandum From Commandant of the Marine  
Corps to the Director of Central Intelligence,  
Dated 18 August 1952, Subject As  
Above

1. Your comments respecting paragraph 2 of Special Estimate No. 29 are greatly appreciated.

2. I have requested the Office of National Estimates to secure a re-estimate by the Military Services on that paragraph in the light of your comments, since the conclusions expressed therein were based upon Service contributions. In so doing, I shall inform them of your offer to make one of your Staff Officers available for consultation.

3. I, myself, as you know, am not without experience in planning and conducting large scale amphibious operations, but I did not attempt to interject my personal ideas on a matter regarding which the views of the Military Services appeared to coincide. My own opinion, however, is that it would take a "little" longer than the estimate indicates.

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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